

Today, House Republicans are moving forward with legislation (H.R. 2) to repeal the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*

. Since becoming law on March 23, 2010, numerous provisions in the *Affordable Care Act*

have already been implemented. In addition to expanding health care coverage to 32 million Americans, the health care reform law continues to provide further benefits and protections to millions more, especially for middle class, working poor, and other vulnerable Americans and their families.

Every single day, we see the benefits of health care reform in action in Florida's 23rd Congressional district and across our nation. Having received hundreds of letters and calls from my constituents, it is clear that repealing the

Affordable Care Act

would be detrimental to the tens of thousands of individuals and families who have benefitted from increased access to affordable, quality health care. Simply put, a vote in favor of H.R. 2 is a vote to take coverage away from Floridians and Americans as a whole.

According to a recent report released by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, by repealing the *Affordable Care Act*, Republicans would be allowing 108,000 to 289,000 individuals in the 23rd district to be denied coverage, including 9,000 to 40,000 children with pre-existing conditions. Furthermore, repealing comprehensive health care reform would also harm district 23 seniors, increasing prescription drug costs for 7,900 seniors who hit the Medicare Part D "donut hole" as well as denying new preventive care benefits for 79,000 seniors. Here are additional ways in which the Republican repeal of the *Affordable Care Act*

would have a direct impact on residents in Florida's 23rd

Congressional district:

- 3,800 young adults could no longer benefit from remaining on their parents' insurance policies up to the age of 26
- 177,000 families in the district would be denied tax credits for buying health insurance
- 61,000 residents would no longer benefit from insurance companies providing free preventive care
- 30,000 residents who purchase individual insurance would no longer be protected from insurance companies rescinding their coverage if they become ill
- 22,500 small businesses would no longer be eligible for tax credits provided through the *Affordable Care Act*

- 7,900 retirees who are not yet eligible for Medicare can no longer benefit from early retiree assistance
- 290,000 individuals who have health insurance through their employer or the market for private insurance would have their consumer protections rescinded
- 155,000 more individuals would become uninsured

These numbers highlight what is truly at stake as the House considers H.R. 2. Repealing the *Affordable Care Act*

will not only hurt our nation, but our neighbors as well. I stand committed to continuing to work to make health care more affordable and accessible for all. When the Republican repeal of health care reform comes to the House floor today, I will make sure that the voices of Florida's

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Congressional district are heard.